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Merry Christmas

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OLD-TIME VERMONT CHRISTMAS
by Robert Thurston

It vanished with the horse and buggy--this kind of Christmas -but it left eternal memories.

Christmas in old Vermont! What a gay and carefree time it must have been, with its snow-covered, rambling farms and villages nestled among the foothills of the Green Mountains. Christmas--a time for baking, polishing, sweeping and dusting the farm house from top to bottom, trading at Uncle John's General Store, and of prayers and praise rising from all the little white churches all over the state, of the face of Parson Brown, your own particular minister, looking down upon you, while you sit freezing in the high-backed compartments.

Two weeks before Christmas the team was hitched to the sleigh and the family drove to town--about six miles away. You can't imagine what a trip this was unless you've really ridden in an open sleigh. The bitter wind sharpens your nose to a fine point and stings your cheeks to apple color. Instead of today's car heater, the buffalo robe or a gay plaid blanket, tucked in expertly at the sides, kept your legs warm.

You did your trading at old Uncle John's General Store while father visited with the other men about the old pot-bellied stove glowing red in the dark interior of the store. (Continued on page 2)

FIFTY-TWO VOICES

Christmas celebrations at Castleton started with the Cantata, "The Child of Bethlehem", which was presented by the Mixed Chorus and Women's Glee Club under the direction of Miss Markham. Many long hours had been spent in preparation for the Cantata and the results were excellent. It was very well done, and enjoyed by all who attended. This was the first program of this type to be presented at Castleton.

PROGRAM

The Christmas Bell - Mixed Chorus
On Thee We Wait - Solo by Jack Cross
The Holy Night -Women's Chorus
There Were Sheperds - Men's Chorus
The Glory Song - Duet by Kay Gaylord and Joanne Gould
Even Unto Bethlehem - Solo by Gordon Merritt
The Star in the Eastern Sky - Solo by Beatrice White
Who Is He - Duet by Alden Atwood and Hugh Goldsmith
He Shall Reign - Mixed Chorus and Solo by Walter Bartlett
Tell the Glad Tidings -Solo by Colleen Shufeldt
Thy Light Is Come - Hugh Goldsmith - Mixed Chorus
Cantique de Noel - Solo by Ann Fitzgerald with a double quartet consisting of Janice Partch, Irma Silvi, Colleen Shufeldt, Hugh Goldsmith, Gordon Merritt, Harold Feiner and Walter Bartlett
O Come All Ye Faithful -Entire Chorus

MISS FLETCHER ENTERTAINS

On December 3, Miss Susan Fletcher presented to an enthusiastic audience the second program of our entertainment series.

Through a very interesting and varied program of life sketches, Miss Fletcher gave proof of her unusual artistry. With very little help from the use of properties or change of costume, she introduced us to characters of wide range in personality, language background, social position and economic status. An equally wide variety of human emotion was depicted; from broad humor to subtle pathos, from light comedy to deep drama, Miss Fletcher was uniformly successful in her delineations.

The "one-woman theater" from Montreal started her career of acting at the age of three and since then she has done outstanding work in the movies, stage, and in writing dramas for television and for her own use.

After her program Miss Fletcher was heard to remark that she was convinced that entertainment should also be educational. Surely her audience would agree heartily with her.

RECESS

Christmas vacation begins December 19. Classes resume January 5,1953. First semester ends January 22.

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That store of Uncle John's was a place of sheer magic for the Christmas shoppers. Bolts of cloth on the shelves, bunches of bananas hanging from the ancient rafters of the store, barrels of crackers, big bins of spices, teas and coffees, harness gear, grease and horse medicine as well as medicine for the entire family from castor oil to mustard plasters, rubber boots, lanterns and farm tools. All these and many more items mingled their fragrance together.

A mysterious box was picked up at the Railroad Station. That must be the package old Sam Murray, a friend of father's, sends every year. Then, back at the house, packages light and heavy were locked in the ice-cold hall closet to await The Day.

With Christmas a few days away, the baking, sweeping and dusting began, and the rose-carved horsehair furniture got a special, loving pat when the parlor was opened up, as it is on all special occasions. An extra load of wood was split, and father kept an appointment with the fattest turkey, out behind the barn. Ham and bacon were taken from the smokehouse and fresh butter was churned.

Everyone was a-flutter when Aunt Mary and Uncle Wesley came from the big city to spend Christmas with us. After supper we all went to the little stone church where a children's Christmas program was held, complete with its popcorn balls, candy, presents and St. Nick himself to welcome all.

Back home again, the Christmas tree candles were lighted. Their soft radience made everything look wonderful. When the family had gathered all around him, Father took down the old family Bible, now rapidly falling apart with age, and read the Christmas story from St. Matthew and St. Luke as only a father could do.

Then the awaited moment arrived, and the gifts were investigated: gaily decorated sleds for Tommy and me, dolls for Kathy and Ann, and blocks for little Jimmy. Father was presented with a beautifully carved pipe and mother a new shawl, and, once Uncle Wesley and Aunt Mary were presented with a new leather traveling bag shipped all the way from Boston.

The parlor stove was filled for the night; then we children, much to our distaste, were piled into our cold beds up underneath the old wooden rafters.

Early Christmas morning everyone set out for Sunday worship service. After church Pastor Brown and his family came for dinner. What a dinner it was, too, with turkey, ham, goose, and all the fixings, three kinds of breads, a dozen kinds of vegetables and six kinds of pie for dessert.

In the evening, everyone enjoyed the lantern slides (which generally turned out upside down and made father's blood pressure go sky high, and then some.

Time passed, and all too soon the moment came for the relatives from the city to leave us. The whole family piled into the sleigh and rode to the Railroad Station where old No. 4, the pride of the Rutland Railroad, was always on time.

This is how a real, old-fashioned Thanks-to-God Christmas was observed in old Vermont.

NEW OFFICERS

Freshman Class:
President - Robert Thurston
Vice Pres. - Hugh Goldsmith
Secretary - Mary Backus
Treasurer - Dorothy Bragg
Rep. at Large - Mary Coombs

Leavonworth Hall
President - Allene Denny
Vice Pres. - Regena Rushton
Secretary - Hope Trombley
Treasurer - Eleanor Fitzgerald

FACULTY NEWS

President Carr attended the New England Association of College and Secondary Schools at Hotel Statler in Boston on December 12. He looked into the possibilities of accreditation of Castleton and will discuss the matter with the student body at the next administrative assembly.

On January 2 and 3, President Carr and Dr. Vannatter will attend the Northeastern Regional Meeting of the National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards at Hotel New Yorker in New York City.

Dean Black attended a committee meeting to help plan a faculty-student conference program for the spring meeting of the Eastern States Association for the Professional Schools for Teachers. The Conference will be held March 26, 27, 28.

She also attended the Vermont State Employees meeting in Montpelier. Dean Black will spend the Christmas vacation in Warren, Rhode Island.

Mr. Sleeman gave a talk to the Fair Haven Teachers Club and to the Castleton Teachers Club on the use of audio-visual aids in the classroom during the first week of December. He also visited elementary school teachers who are making minature motors, terrariums, aquariums, constellation charts, and collections of geological specimens.

Dr. Seigl gave a tea for her advisees at her home on Dec. 9.

Mr. Mosher attended the Vt. State Employees meeting in Montpelier with Dean Black and Mr. Wright on December 15.

Mr. Howes attended the meeting in Boston of the New England Speech Association, where he acted as chairman of one of the workshop groups. He and Mrs. Howes are planning to spend the Christmas holidays in Connecticut.

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AN EVENING WITH SANTA

Santa cocked one eyebrow as he picked up the paper and pen cil. It was December 19 and he decided it was time he finished making out his Christmas list. Let's see where did he leave off,hmm,Castleton Teachers College.

Santa had completed the whole llst except for this one place. For some strange reason he had kept putting it off. It was so hard to tell what those crazy college students would want in their stockings.

First he thought he'd better install a drainage system for third floor north corridor so that they wouldn't have to spend all night mopping up the corridor after a water fight. The girls have been complaining of wet feet.

A jump rope would do fine for Bob Nolan as he is so skillful in "skipping." Bill Carey and Grant Villemaire need hand lotion for those dishpan hands.

Margo Prentiss would love a set of pencils to aid her in all those letters she writes. For Pat Riggie he'd find some Navy paper dolls, because it's so nice to have a man around the house.

He guessed Tommy Alberico would like that new book on "Working Wives"; Tom's fame in Family Relations has reached the North Pole. Yes, and Larry Foster would like a new pair of pajamas so his mother won't question him about the missing pair.

Betty Morrison would like a "beau nook" inLeavenworth Hall like the ones at Ellis Hall. Jerry Lovell would like a year's supply of mascara for her "eyes". For Mary Murray he'd better send"Fat Boy" home for Christmas. Guess he'd better give Janet Carr ten shares in Community Resources Inc..

Here Santa came to the names of Bea White and Harold Boyden. Santa didn't think that they needed Christmas presents as they were both getting married and that was present enough. Santa couldn't keep his eyes open any longer, so he put his feet up on the hearth and went sound asleep. Let's hope he wakes up before Christmas Eve.

FESTIVE HOLIDAY SEASON

Ellis Hall

Ellis Hall girls had their annual party on Tuesday, December 16. It began at 10:15 and included exchange of gifts and refreshments.

The lounge was attractively decorated for the occasion with a tree and a manger scene. A warm fire crackled on the hearth, and in closing the girls gathered around it for a carol sing.

Leavenworth Hall

The girls at Leavenworth Hall had their house party on Monday night. A program was planned which incleded an exchange of gifts. The lobby was decorated with Christmas bells, and a small table tree.

Yule Log

The traditional Yule Log ceremony was held in the Library on Wednesday just before the Christmas Banquet. The Pages were Velta Leonard and Dotty Bragg. The merry Jesters were Joe Kasprzak and Gilbert Billings. Bea White and Al Atwood were the Mistress and Master of the House who greeted us at the door. Al Atwood sang the traditional song. The Yule loggers were Fluff Yates and Colleen Shufeldt.

Christmas Banquet

The Christmas Banquet was a beautiful and happy time. The dining room was so attractively decorated that each participant at the meal felt the Christmas spirit a little nearer to them than before.

The singing of carols afterward was in keeping with the Castleton tradition.

The gay wassailers trouped about the campus on the night of the eighteenth singing their joyous carols. When the Carolers completed their mission of gaiety, the spirited celebration moved into the Recreation Center for the culmination of the merry making, the Family Tree. That's what Christmas should be--- the rejoicing of the big happy family of the Christian world; and Christmas should be celebrated the year around with good will, brotherhood, and love for one another.

A BIT OF CHRISTMAS

I feel it in the air as I walk
along the road,
I see it in the smiles of the
people that I meet,
I feel it in the Handclasp of
the manyfriends I hail.
A little urchin stops to help
his grandpa cross the street,
The old man smiles and takes
his little hand.
The driver of the downtown bus
has found
A special kindly word to greet
each patron with.
The clerk behind the counter,
Though her feet areaching badly,
Finds a bright and warming
glance, as she waits upon
The last few straggling customers
Before the door is closed.
Yes,it steals in all around us
and takes us by surprise.
We can't deny its presence,
Though some may try quite hard.
It is the warmth of Christmas
And the hope of the New Year.

Ann Morrill '54

WHAT IF:
Betty were a Chair instead of
a Longe.
Harold were a Girlden instead
of a Boyden.

FACULTY NEWS
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Miss Hale will be in Athol, Mass. during this vacation.

Miss Markham is going to New York for Christmas.

Mr. Wright attended the Vermont State Employees meeting in Montpelier. This concerns new pay allotments for 3,000 State employees.

Dr. Vannatter is attending the meeting at Hotel New Yorker with President Carr and is interested in two topics to be presented there, the content of Educational courses and pre-student-teaching experiences for students.

Today, he will leave for Michigan where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Kelly attended the National Council of Teachers of English in Boston during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Miss Ewald went to the Vt. Inter-faculty Committee for Teacher Education in Vermont. Miss Ewald was the Representative from Castleton at a meeting to plan for the Spring Workshop to be held at Johnson March 29 to April 1.

WINTER CARNIVAL SCHEDULE

IN CASE OF SNOW

Thursday--February 5
- 5:00--Coronation
- 6:00--Ski boot supper
- 7:30--Ping-pong tournament

Friday--February 6
- 1:30--Skiing and skating
- 6:00--Supper
- 8:00--Basketball game with Farmington

Saturday--February 7
- 2:00--Intra-mural basketball
- 4:00--Snow-sculpture judging
- 8:00--Formal dance

Sunday--February 8
- 7:30--Movie

IN CASE OF NOW SNOW THERE WILL BE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES

Friday--February 6
- 2:00--Mixed volleyball and/or basketball
- 6:00--Supper
- 8:00--Basketball game

CORRECTION

Dick Richardson is also a member of the basketball squad.

GIRLS ATHLETICS

Volleyball intramurals are off to a good start with Team A taking the first game from Team B with a score of 19-15. Teams C and D ended their game with a tie score, 14-14. On December 11, Team A was defeated by Team C and Team B won over Team D.

The basketball schedule is being set up and practice will start January 8. A sign will be posted the first week after vacation to give those who are interested a chance to sign up.

BASKETBALL GAME

On Monday, December 15, our basketball team journeyed to Montpelier to play the first game of the season with V.J.C. The score was 62-61 in favor of Castleton. Tom Alberico and Dick Richardson tied for high score with 15 points each. Congratulations!

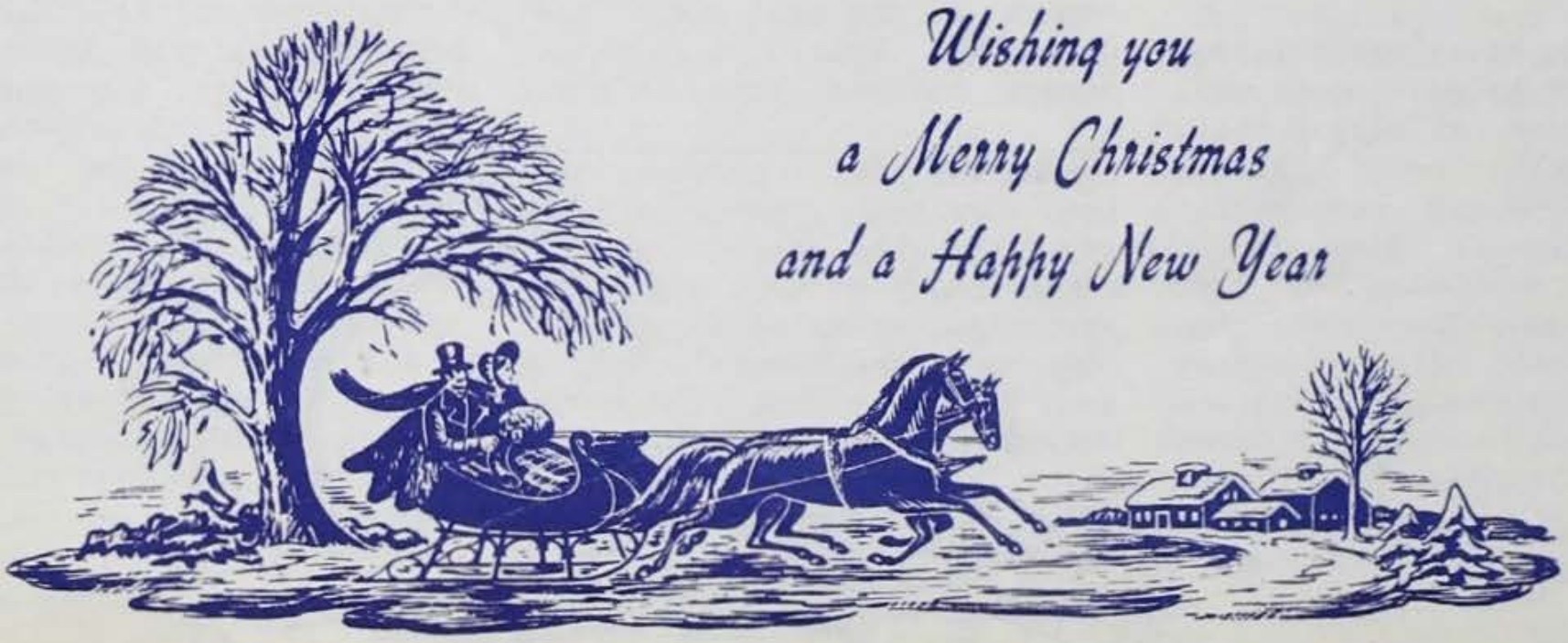
WHAT IF:

Anne were Evil instead of Morrill.

George were a Banner instead of a Tanner.

Janet were a Truck instead of a Carr.

Barbara were Cornley instead of Wheatley.



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DEAN BLACK NEW EASTERN STATES PRESIDENT

This fact is not news to any of us now, but we still have it in our minds.

It's a great honor for Miss Black and indirectly an honor for the college. We'd all like to congratulate Dean Black on her achievement.

HARPIST APPEARS AT C.T.C.

"They are the warmest-hearted audience I have ever played too", these were the first words spoken by Daphne Hellman as she walked off-stage. This talented harpist was, in the minds of many, the best entertainment number that we have had this year.

Mrs. Hellman's selections ranged from Bach to Boogie, as she played Fountainhead and Blue Tango.

Comedian and songstress, as well as harpist, she had the audience with her every minute.

It is interesting to know that Mrs. Hellman appeared at Carnagie Hall, Tuesday evening.

We would like to congratulate this years Entertainment Council for their fine choices in our Entertainment Series this year.

S.A. OFFICERS

President----------Al Atwood
Vice President--Sam Streeter
Secretary--------Ardis Clark
Treasurer------Brad Pfenning

EASTERN STATES CONFERENCE

The twenty-eighth annual Spring Conference of the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers was held in New York City, March 26, 27, and 28. The theme of this years conference was "The Values That Education Should Develop, Cherish, and Preserve."

Dr. Liston Pope, Dean of the Divinity School, Yale University gave an address on "Values in a Democracy". He stated that democracy is and uneasy balance between liberty and equality. Liberty and equality oppose each other and in some countries one is neglected for the other. Education is closely associated with the central values of liberty. The basic values tend to endure.

We were very pleased to hear Dr. William Herd Kilpartick, Professor Emeritus at the Teachers College, Columbia University. "The Task of Teacher Education in Relation to the Essential Values of a Democratic Society" was the topic covered by Dr. Kilpatrick. The new aim of education is to develop the whole child. Four points which we were asked to consider were: 1. How does the public elementary school so educate its pupils as to give the basic values a lasting place in their eyes? 2. How does the public secondary school so educate its pupils to accept these values? 3. How does the teacher education institution so educate its teachers that they will effectively teach its pupils? 4. How can the teacher education institution improve on its present work? Some suggestions made to the last question were: 1. Encourage the beginning teacher to go to a college where he can learn to think more fully. 2. Have the student talk with others who share his interest and concern. 3. Have discussion groups conducted by the heads of institutions where administration and students can talk and think problems through. 4. Work in groups to help students to learn better. Dr. Kilpatrick stated that no one learns anything worth talking about except as he lives it in his own life.

EASTERN STATES CONFERENCE (Continued)

A panel of four students and one faculty member discussed "The Development of Ethical Understanding and Dispositions on the part of Prospective Teachers". Ethics should be made a part of every school activity. No one course will teach ethics; all must work together. Attitudes become part of the individual. If practiced constantly they will bring satisfaction and returns. There should be good relationship between faculty and students, and between students themselves. Students should know what

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THIS IS FOR YOU!.

This year we have added a new council to our student government, the Council of Records. This council will be of value to every student on campus.

The council is designed to record every activity the student does during his four years in college. It will list all committees, trips and other activities that the student has taken part in. It will list all the offices he has held.

"Why bother to record all these things?" We hope to do it so that when you graduate a complete list of the activities in which you have participated may be put in the yearbook. You may wish a record of activities to show a superintendent when seeking a position. These reasons and many more make the addition of this council a step forward in the Student Government at Castleton.

Enclosed is the floor plan for the proposed Science-Classroom Building.

PAST AND PRESENT

Many times in recent days I have tried to put into words the many things we, the student body, have accomplished in the four years I have been here. Each time I have been carried away on side roads and streets we have yet to pave. In the following few sentences I will try to avoid such a course.

Our student government during these four years has grown to a prominence that once seemed impossible. Four years ago our student government was largely an ineffectual mass led by one earnest but hopelessly outnumbered student, John Slade. I would like to pay him tribute, for he worked incessantly to give us students the social stimulus we all so desperately needed. He alone planned and presented our weekend entertainments, often going out of his way to make each one of us happier. It was in these days the students worked in mass to present difficult operettas and plays. It was in these days that we had little money for student government, no varsity sports, and no student participation in faculty-student affairs.

The second year of my stay, student government struggled, fell, and struggled some more. A new more powerful constitution was worked out and more money appropriated with which to work. We managed to achieve the building of a varsity sports program and a student voice in school planning. Much was to be desired even as this year closed, however, we had gained immeasurably.

The third year was upon me before it really seemed possible, and with it we achieved the building of a student government unPAST AND PRESENT
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excelled anywhere along the eastern seaband of our country. We added a student court, many councils, a new and more representative Senate. We began an attempt to recognize the best school citizens each year. We were beginning to feel we had reached the goal we had set as freshman. This feeling of self satisfaction is probably a dangerous sign of old age.

Now my last year is nearly over, and improvements are still being made. We are currently planning a point system, a new council and a new voting system. We are planning a new cut system, of which you will hear more later, and an oath of office for all of our major elected officers. We have created a President's and Veep's Club. New vital improvements are suggested each day, changes that mark our advancement. With all this I feel that I too have grown, and now I would like to offer something in return.

These four years have shown me that if anything is worthwhile and truly desirable, it can be accomplished. Work for and believe in what you're doing and success is inevitable. Be Discriminating in your choice of leaders, for these can help you get what you want. Help them once you've chosen them, for they have the hardest job of all. Be proud of every accomplishment, for nothing creates failure more quickly than our own lack of pride and interest. If things are poor, or look to be, say we can, we can, we will succeed.

This probably will be my last chance to talk with everyone, so I would like to

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TWELFTH NIGHT
Thomas H. Geno

"Dost thou think that because thou art virtuous, there shall be no more cakes and ale?"

The next dramatic endeavor slated to be staged in May by the drama club is William Shakespeare's highest romantic comedy. It is the purpose of this article to inform the students of C.T.C. that the play is certainly a play well worth their while, for it carried in it all the wit and humor of Shakespeare at his best and a series of situations and bawdy wit that is found in no other play.

The play is primarily composed of three plots. The first, that of the lost Viola trying to find her brother; the second, the wooing of Olivia by Duke Orsino; and the third, the plot against Malvolio. After introducing all these characters, Shakespeare sets the ball rolling in a manner that is so Elizabethan that the listener will often wonder if he is not in the once famous Globe Theatre viewing the production. From the overture to the final curtain the play is filled with comic and ludicrous situations.

Perhaps one of the most interesting things that the audience will see is the stylized set. This set has been designed so that it is used throughout the whole play, except in one scene when a regular wood flat is moved on the stage. This affords much freedom of movement, less time involved in changing scenes, and demands less of the actor. I'm sure that the audience will like the set after they are used to it.

The play demands an equal amount of work on the part of each person acting, we thank the genius of Shakespeare again for this. All of the "leads" have an equal amount of work to do, and if acted correctly, no character should outshine another.

TWELFTH NIGHT
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Perhaps a word should be said concerning the famous Clown of Twelfth Night. The clown is the unity of the play. It is the purpose of Feste to tie the three plots together and wind up the play happily. With the lines of wisdom from the Fool's lips and the original songs in the play, I'm sure all will agree that the part of the clown is one of major importance. This part is aptly handled by Polly Rivers.

I should like to ask one thing of the listening audience; that they do not take this play too seriously. That is one of the great misconceptions that many laymen have concerning Shakespearean plays. Do not expect to see a tour deforce, for there is nothing more than meets the eye in this play and there are certainly no hidden meanings. This play is sheer comedy; its main purpose is to provide an evening's enjoyment.

I certainly consider it a great priveledge to be able to direct this play and am most pleased with the group that I have to work with, my next hope is that we have an interested and amused audience.

DRAMATIS PERSONNAE

Sea Captain----Robert Traska
Viola----------Marianne Rice
Sebastian---------Irma Silvi
Valentine----Robert Thurston
Curio-------------Bea Soulia
Sir Toby Belch-Harold Feiner
Sir Andrew Aguecheek--Robert Nolan
Countess Olivia-Betty Bibens
Maria-----------Polly Smith
Feste----------Polly Rivers
Fabian--------Reggie Rushton
Malvolio---------Kyle Taylor
Antonio---------Rene Fifield
Duke Orsino--Dick Richardson

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they're getting into when they graduate. Believe yourself and encourage others to do so.

Dean Ernest O. Melby, School of Education, New York University gave the last address of the conference. It was entitled, "The Responsibility of the Educated Citizen for the preservation and Utilization of the Essential Values". Dean Melby developed the following ideas. It is hard for young people to make up their minds about freedom because there are so many conflicting beliefs. Teachers are the "priests" of freedom. It is the group to which freedom means the most because they couldn't function in any other type of society except a democracy. The conception on which philosophies of education are based is that every human being is sacred. Let every person become all he is capable of becoming.

The student discussion groups were very interesting. Space does not allow a detailed account of points discussed or conclusions reached.

The Eastern States Conference was a wonderful experience; one that we shall never forget. We want to thank the student body for sending us to represent you.

Allene Denny
Elizabeth Bishop
Anne Morrill
Mal Farman

What was the name of the ship from which the tea was thrown overboard in the Boston Tea Party in 1773?

Three ships were involved in the Boston Tea Party--the Eleanor, the Beaver, and the Dartmouth.

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS!

The long awaited baseball season has arrived at last and the Spartans' first game is on Friday, May 1, when they play Johnson Teachers College on our field. Mr. Mosher again heads the team as Coach with Trainer, Stan Firkey, and Co-managers, Gael Dundon and Bob Thurston, acting as his able assistants.

The line up this season looks very promising. For the spot of pitcher is Carl Tenney, and Hal Pratt, also Tom Flower and Mal Farman who double as outfielders; Sam Streeter and Bob Nolan are in the limelight for catcher; Ray Wanke is at First; Chan Mosher at second and Hugh Goldsmith plays shortstop. In the outfield there is George Tanner, Jack Cross, Ed Sanderson, Wes Hyrdzuisko, Bob Salminen, and Bob Traska.

With 12 brand new uniforms in which to stampede the field, the team ought to have a fairly good season if Coach Mosher is able to find one good third baseman and uncover another pitcher.

The games scheduled for this season are as follows:

May 1	Johnson	Here
May 8	Vt. Aggies	Here
May 11	Lyndon	Here
May 13	Johnson	There
May 19	Open	
May 22	Lyndon	There

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take this opportunity to thank you. I would like to thank you for the cooperation and trust you have given me. I would like to thank you for the chances you've given me, but more than all this, just for the friendship you have shown.

Thanks again and may you enjoy and prosper as I have here at Castleton. May you be as proud as I am that I was a part of Castleton Teachers College and a wonderful student body.

Sincerely yours,
Ed Sanderson

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

The Handbook Committee met for the first time in March and work, which is still in its first stages, has continued since then.

The committee is concerned with revising the '52-'53 handbook and with setting up the handbook for '53-'54.

The committee is made up of members of each class and faculty members with Mr. Mosher as chairman and Catharine McKee as secretary.

VERMONT F.T.A. CONVENTION

Representatives of F.T.A. Chapters and Clubs in Vermont met in Montpelier, April 25, for their first convention. The keynote speakers were Dorothy Collins, a high school teacher, and Erminie Nott, a grade school teacher, who spoke on "What It Means to be a Teacher".

Group discussions were held. Students from the three teachers' colleges met and discussed different projects and problems. The three representatives from Castleton were Virginia Dowlin, Ann Stoddard, and Elizabeth Bishop.

ALPHA LAMBDA

Alpha Lambda is one of the new organizations on campus. Trying to add to its history, the organization has been planning, for next year a full program so that the honor may have more meaning and make a greater contribution to the school program.

Recently, the student association voted to buy pins for members so that they will have something to show for the honor that has been bestowed on them by their schoolmates.

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Front row (left to right) Joyce Ann Gouchoe, Joy Gurney, Jeannette Denis, George Tanner, Joyce Horst, Polly Freeman, Norma Marsh, Bea Serre. Second row-Lyn Howe, Faye Russell, Ruth Ann Pike, Nancy Wanke, Fran Towslee, Phyllis Reid. Third row-Polly Smith, Marilyn Roberts, Shirley Peters, Barb Davis, Patricia Roberts, Mary Jane Raymond, Eleanor Brisson. Fourth row-Lois Putnam, Joan Ackert, Carol Atwood, Theresa Lussier, Ann Cleminson, Polly Hrydziusko. Fifth row-Lois Burbank, Martha Lockerby, Doris Collins, Irene Tibbetts, Marie Flower, Thelma Ordway. Sixth row-Audrey Fitzpatrick, Roma Rice, Laura Hathorn, Ann Partch, Barbara White, Kay McKee. Seventh row-Harold Pratt, Ed Sanderson, Bob Dupaw, Connie Thorne, Margaret Wyman, eggy Pratt. Eighth row-Bill Weston, Heman Stannard, Stanley Jones, Bob Traska, Wes Hrydziusko. Ninth row-Ray Wanke, Mal Farman, Stan Firkey, Absent-Melba Collum, Anna LaBree, Marianne Rice, Bob Frappier, Joan Pressey, Bev Adams, William Arbo.

TO THE SENIORS

We commend you, Seniors, for your contributions to the college during your four years here. It has been a pleasure knowing you and working with you. Your hard work has been an incentive to the rest of us. We'll remember you as the people who paved the way for some of our most important achievements, such as Student Government and the Spartan. We wish you the very best in the future.

SENIOR PLACEMENT

Lois Burbank
Bridport
Ann Cleminson
Hartland 3 Corners
Doris Collins
Fort Ann, N.Y.
Melba Collum
Barstow, Chittenden
Barbara Davis
Lincoln,Rutland
Bob Dupaw
undecided
Mal Farman
undecided
Stanley Firkey
Windsor
Audrey Fitzpatrick
undecided
Joy Gurney
Springfield
Laura Hathorn
Woodstock
Joyce Horst
Arlington
Anna LaBree
undecided
Martha Lockerby
Manchester
Kay McKee
Shelburne
Thelma Ordway
Morrisville
Ann Partch
Shelburne
Ruth Ann Pike
undecided
Peggy Pratt
Hinesburg
Marianne Rice
undecided
Beatrice Serre
Manchester
Polly Smith
Morrisville
Heman Stannard
undecided
Connie Thorne
Shelburne
Irene Tibbetts
Bennington
Fran Towslee
Bennington
Wilbur Weston
undecided

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Joan Ackert
undecided
Carol Atwood
Bridgewater
Eleanor Brisson
undecided
Jeannette Denis
Whiting
Marie Flower
undecided
Robert Frappier
Brandon
Pauline Freeman
Springfield
Marilyn Howe
Windsor
Wes Hrydziusko
Windsor
Polly Hrydziusko
Brownsville
Stanley Jones
undecided
Theresa Lussier
Hubbardton
Norma Marsh
Bennington
Shirley Peters
undecided
Harold Pratt
undecided
Joan Pressey
Charlotte
Lois Putnam
undecided
Mary Jane Raymond
Windsor
Marilyn Roberts
Center Rutland
Faye Russell
Manchester
Ed Sanderson
South Royalton
George Tanner
Westminster
Bob Traska
South Royalton
Nancy Wanke
Salisbury
Ray Wanke
Salisbury
Phyllis Reid
undecided
Barbara White
Charlotte

FAREWELL TO FONDNESS
Stan Firkey

As I start this article I cannothelp but think it will be my last. Along these lines I cannot help but reminisce over the many things that we have experienced in four years.Please excuse me if I sound rather uncertain as to my theme,but these memories are ones that neither I nor any of the Seniors will ever again experience.

Many of you who read this article will have the same memories as I have,others will find experiences yet to come. In the past four years Ihave seen a growth of Student Government, one that is strong andone that is determined. To me this growth shows that we have learned some of our weaker points. You who will follow in our footsteps will find other weaknesses, I am sure.

Student Government needs cooperation from all of you.This government cannot accomplish the goals of the majority if you sit back and have the "I

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Margaret Wyman
Saxtons River
Bev Adams
undecided
William Arbo
undecided
Joyce Ann Gouchoe
Windsor

FAREWELL TO FONDNESS
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don't care" attitude. Your funds carry on many important projects; plan together and see that your wishes are carried out.Many of you will find that through working together you gain knowledge that you will never find in any text book.

We find many lacks at this college. Because of this situation we need our Student Government to suppliment our program to fit our needs. One place where we need improvement is in our interest and cooperation.I cannot stress too much this most important need.

May I thank all of you who so graciously gave your time this year as well as your interest to make it a successful year. I wish all of you the best of luck; you'll need it and lots of intestinal fortitude to go with it. Be with the group and work with the group; show them you are a part. Remember ladders were made for one thing;lets keep climbing.

TO THE SPARTAN STAFF

I want to thank those people who worked so hard to make the Spartan possible. You deserve a great deal of credit.

Elizabeth Bishop

TWELFTH NIGHT

On the nights of May 25, and 26,1953 an exceptional performance of "Twelfth Night" by Willia m Shakespear was presented in the college auditorium. Much of the success of the play was its excellent direction by Tom Geno. Mr. Geno's contribution to the play was very commendable.

"Twelfth Night" was very well cast. All the participants are to be congratulated for their excellent portrayal of Shakespear's characters. The costumes were unbelievably realistic.and added greatly to the play. A few outstanding people may be here

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noted, but all gave a commendable performance.

Betty Bosanko, as Countess Olivia, proved to be a very good actress. C.T.C. was very fortunatein having her as a guest performer. Polly Smith, as Maria, did an outstanding piece of work. The performances of Harold Feiner, as Sir Toby Belch, and Kyle Taylor, as Malvolio, both impressed and amused the audience. Polly Rivers, as Feste, also kept them laughing.

Congratulations to all those who made this most outstanding performance possible.

SPARTAN STAFF

Front row (left to right) Joyce Soulia, Liz Bishop, Mr. Howes, Lyn Howe, Marion Bailey. Second row--Nellie Martin, Claire Memoe, Polly Smith, Mary Backus, Evie Crowley. Third Row--Ed Sanderson, Kyle Taylor, Bob Thurston, Harold Feiner.

BASEBALL TEAM

Front row (left to right) George Tanner, Bob Salminen, Carl Tenney, Sam Streeter, Hugh Goldsmith, Harold Pratt, and Chan Mosher. Second Row--Ray Wanke, Jack Cross, Bob Nolan, Tom Flower, Mal Farman, Wes Hrydziusko, and Bob Traska. Third Row--Mr. Mosher, Ed Sanderson, Gael Dundon, Stan Firkey, Bob Thurston, and Mr. Wright.

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BASEBALL SEASON ENDS

Kyle Taylor

It was predicted at the start of the season that we would have a good baseball team this year; Mr. Mosher's efforts have paid off royally.

The first game of the season was played on our own field, May 5, 1953, against Johnson Teachers. The outcome of that game looked real promising: 5 to 2.

Then we tackle d the Vermont Aggies on our field again. This game was a real push over! Rained out in the fifth inning (but still a legal game) we beat them 9 to 0.

Lyndon was next on our list for defeat. On a beautiful sunny afternoo n we took them to the slaughter, 6 runs to their 1.

Again we were up against Johnson on their field. At the last minute Mother Nature turned traitor and we were forced to withdraw and return on Tuesday, May 19. In the game we postponed finished them off 3 runs to 2.

Finally, on May 22 the last game of the season rolled round. This was to be our crowning glory, "an undefeated team" but Lyndon seemed to have different ideas, for in the last inning they proved their point and walloped us 5 runs to 3.

But all in all I think we had an excellent baseball team this year.